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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CORRECTING A USEFUL SIGNAL FALSIFICATION

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INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CORRECTING
A USEFUL SIGNAL FALSIFICATION

10 Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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15 Please amend the above-identified International Application before entry into
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Abstract, with the following Substitute Specification:

SPECIFICATION

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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CORRECTING
A USEFUL SIGNAL FALSIFICATION

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

25 The present invention relates to a method for correcting a useful signal
falsification in the receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system which
operates, in particular, according to the TDD or TDMA method, and to a device for
carrying out this method.

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In mobile radio systems, multiple access methods or multiplex methods are absolutely necessary owing to the limited resources of the frequency spectrum in order to make possible subscriber numbers of orders of magnitude ranging from millions to hundreds of millions. The method of access of a number of subscribers must be organized and the receiver parts must be embodied in such a way that an unacceptable interference of the transmission of information does not occur.

The frequency, time-division and code multiplex methods are known as basic multiple access methods, and all three methods are used in practice in mobile telephone networks. Specifically, time-division multiplex methods, which are implemented in practice as TDD (Time Division Duplex) or TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access) have become very widespread in digital mobile telephone networks, in which they are often combined with frequency-division multiplex methods (FDMA = Frequency Division Multiple Access) in such a way that a number of carrier frequencies are provided. Thus, according to the GSM standard, carrier frequencies with 200 kHz spacing with respect to one another are provided and a subdivision into eight time slots on each carrier frequency is predefined.

Time-division multiplex techniques are also being increasingly used for cordless telephones, a combination of FDMA and TDMA also being provided here. In the European DECT standard for cordless telephones, up to ten frequency channels are used, which are each divided into twelve time slots for the uplink and downlink.

The receivers in TDD or TDMA systems can be built according to the direct conversion principle. In such receivers, adjacent channel sources of interference result in square wave interference owing to quadratic elements which are produced in the analog part of the receiver, in particular in the reception mixer, the square wave interference bringing about an increase in the bit error rate during the customary digital modulation. In order to fulfill the stringent requirements in terms of the bit error rate which are made of system protocols, in particular of the GSM system, very high demands are made of the transmission qualities of the mixer, which demands cannot currently be fulfilled with established circuit technologies.

For this reason, it has been proposed to correct the aforesaid interference subsequently via iterative, computational determination of the change in the signal amplitude (offset) associated with the interference, via a correction device which is

connected downstream of the mixer. However, this entails a high degree of computational complexity and a correspondingly increased level of current consumption and, therefore, reduces the possible maximum call duration which constitutes an essential performance parameter of any mobile telephone.

5 The present invention is, therefore, directed toward an improved method of the genus-forming type, which avoids computational complexity and saves current, as well as an apparatus for carrying out this method.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

10 The present invention includes the essential idea of firstly determining the time when interference starts and subsequently, via this knowledge, carrying out a correction process in a way that is less complex and, thus, saves current with regard to the calculation processes. By applying an analog correction method, there is virtually no added computational complexity (in the narrowest sense) here.

15 In one preferred embodiment, differentiation of the composite signal and then threshold value discrimination of the first deviation is carried out with a predetermined threshold value in order to determine the time when the interference starts. This threshold value corresponds to the maximum possible steepness of the useful signal, multiplied by a suitably selected safety factor in order to avoid incorrect detection. Both the formation of the first deviation of the composite signal and its comparison
20 with the aforesaid threshold value constitute routine operations which can be implemented readily, and with relatively low power consumption, using integrated circuit technology and/or via suitable software – within the framework of complex digital signal processing (DSP) which is implemented in any case.

25 However, as an alternative, it is also possible to provide, for the determination of the point in time when interference starts, a specific detector element (for example, a detector diode) or a circuit with a corresponding function (for example, what is referred to as an RSSI circuit) which utilizes, in particular, the frequency offset of the source of interference with respect to the carrier signal.

30 The actual correction process which is carried out using the information relating to the time when the interference starts can be configured as a calculation process on the basis of digitized values of the signal amplitude or, alternatively, as an analog “subtraction.”

In the former case, in particular a (digital) average value formation of the composite signal is carried out in the period between the rising edge of the useful signal up to the starting time of the interference on the one hand, and in the period from the starting time of the interference up to the trailing edge of the useful signal on the other hand, and the two calculated average values are subsequently subtracted. It is also possible to determine the interference signal energy during the detection of the source of interference and to subtract it from the composite signal energy starting from the time when the interference starts. In this later case, subtraction is also possible in the sense of a genuine calculation after the corresponding energy values have been digitized.

In an apparatus for carrying out the method according to the present invention, corresponding to the above-mentioned characterization of the method according to the present invention, sensing parts for determining the time when the interference starts and correction parts which are connected at the input end to these sensing parts in order to carry out the offset correction are provided. Reference has already been made above to embodiment possibilities for the sensing parts. If a detector element or a detector circuit is used, in particular a correction stage for taking into account the detector characteristic curve for the output signal shape and/or a pulse shaper stage is connected downstream of it. In an analog embodiment, the actual correction parts can have an analog subtraction device; in the case of a digital calculation of the absolute offset value or correction value, a reference value memory and a digital subtraction stage, and in particular an average value calculation stage connected upstream of these units, are provided.

Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described in, and will be apparent from, the following Detailed Description of the Invention and the Figures.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figs 1a and 1b are exemplary views of the time-dependence of the useful signal and interference signal and/or of a composite signal of a real mixer in a direct conversion receiver.

Fig. 2 is a schematic view of a first embodiment in the form of a block diagram.

Fig. 3 is a schematic view of a second embodiment in the form of a block diagram.

Fig. 4 is a schematic view of a third embodiment in the form of a block diagram.

Fig. 5 is a schematic view of a fourth embodiment in the form of a block diagram.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Fig. 1a shows the time profile of a useful signal with a carrier frequency f_1 and a level P_1 , and in a separate illustration the time profile of an interference signal with a carrier frequency f_2 and a level P_2 , such as would occur in an ideal reception mixer. The starting time (the rising edge) of a useful signal pulse is designated by t_A , and its end time (trailing edge) is designated by t_E , while the end time of the interference pulses, which in this example start before the rising edge of the useful signal pulse, is designated by t_0 .

A corresponding output signal of a real reception mixer is illustrated as function of time in Fig. 1b, the same time axis being used as the basis as in Fig. 1a.

Fig. 2 shows, in order to illustrate a first embodiment of the present invention, an arrangement 100 composed of a mixer 101, an amplifier stage 102 connected downstream of the latter, a low-pass filter 103 connected downstream of the amplifier stage 102, a differentiator stage 104 connected downstream of the low-pass filter 103, a threshold value discriminator 105 connected downstream of the differentiator stage 104, and an offset compensation stage 106 which is arranged in parallel with the differentiator stage 104, downstream of the low-pass filter 103, and is controlled by an output signal of the threshold value discriminator 105. The offset compensation stage 106 includes (not illustrated individually in Fig. 2) an average value forming stage for the digital formation of average values and a subtraction stage for the subtraction of the averaged level values which are sensed before and after the end time t_0 (Fig. 1a) of the adjacent channel interference. The differentiator stage can be embodied in a manner known per se as an analog differentiator or as a digital differentiator stage implemented via either hardware or programmable signal processing within the scope of the DSP of a mobile telephone terminal.

In the event of a number of instances of interference being expected, a number of devices for storing the sensed times of the instances of interference and the corresponding level values are to be provided.

The arrangement shown is specifically advantageous in the case of long useful
5 signal bursts which are superimposed by more than one short interference pulse, and are therefore relevant for the multislot operation according to the GSM standard.

Fig. 3 shows an arrangement 200 which is modified with respect to Fig. 2 and in which a mixer 201, an amplifier stage 202 which is connected downstream of the latter and an offset compensation stage 207 are also provided. A low-pass filter 203 is
10 arranged here in a parallel processing branch, and a detector diode 204 for sensing the interference signal is connected downstream of the low-pass filter 203. A pulse shaper circuit 205 is connected downstream of the detector diode, and a time sensing stage 206, for sensing the time t_0 (Fig. 1a) is connected downstream of the pulse shaper circuit 205.

15 In this modification, the computational complexity, and thus the power consumption, can be reduced further in comparison with the embodiment shown in Fig. 2 and/or the accuracy of the determination of the end point or starting point of the interference signal can be increased as the result of the band limitation of the signal which is not a problem here.

20 In Fig. 4, an arrangement 300 (again in the form of a functional block circuit diagram) is outlined as a further embodiment in which, firstly, in a way similar to Fig. 3, the output of a mixer 301 is connected on the one hand to an amplifier stage 302 (not embodied in a controllable form here) and to a low-pass filter 303 on the other, as well as to a detector diode 304 which is connected downstream of the latter.
25 In each case an A/D converter 305a, 305b is connected downstream both of the controllable amplifier 302 and of the detector diode 304. The output of the first A/D converter 305a is connected to a first input of an addition stage 306, and the output of the second A/D converter 305b is connected to a correction circuit 307 for correcting the detector characteristic line and the amplification with the gain factor A_1 set at the
30 amplifier 302. The output of the correction stage 307 is connected via an inverter 308 to a second input of the addition stage 306. Overall, this arrangement of the aforesaid components 306 to 308 functionally implements subtraction, from the composite

signal level, of the interference signal level which is corrected with respect to the detector characteristic curves of the detector diode 304, on the one hand, and with respect to amplification in the amplifier stage 302, on the other.

Fig. 5 shows as a block circuit diagram a further arrangement 400 composed of
5 a reception mixer 401, a low-pass filter 402, a detector circuit 403 connected downstream of the latter and an analog correction circuit 404 for correcting the detector characteristic curve, in which the outputs of the reception mixer 401 and of the correction circuit 404 are each connected to the non-inverting input of two operational amplifiers 405a, 405b, whose outputs ultimately lead into an amplifier stage 406. Via the operational amplifiers 405a, 405b, an analog subtraction of the
10 interference signal (again corrected with respect to the detector characteristic curve) from the composite signal is implemented, and the difference signal is finally amplified.

The arrangement shown last has, in particular, the advantage of increasing the
15 dynamics because the interference signal has already been eliminated from the baseband by correction.

Although the present invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments, those of skill in the art will recognize that changes may be made thereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the hereafter
20 appended claims.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method and apparatus for correcting a useful signal falsification in the receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system as a result of adjacent channel interference which generates, in particular, a square wave interference pulse in the
5 useful channel, the starting point or end point of the adjacent channel interference being determined in a first step and an offset correction being carried out in a second step using the information relating to the starting point or end point.

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In the claims:

On page 9, cancel line 1, and substitute the following left-hand justified heading therefor:

CLAIMS:

5 Please cancel claims 1-13, without prejudice, and substitute the following claims therefor:

14. A method for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system, which operates according to one of a TDD method and a TDMA method, as a result of adjacent channel interference which
10 generates a square wave interference pulse in a useful channel, a composite signal thus formed of the useful signal and the interference pulse, the method comprising the steps of:

 determining, in a first step, one of a starting point and an end point of the adjacent channel interference; and
15 carrying out, in a second step, an offset correction using information relating to, respectively, one of the starting point and the end point.

15. A method for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system as claimed in claim 14, the method further
20 comprising the steps of:

 performing differentiation of the composite signal in a first substep, as part of the step of determining; and
 carrying out threshold value discrimination of a first deviation with a predetermined threshold value in a second substep as part of the step of carrying out
25 the offset correction.

16. A method for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the step of determining is effected via one of a detector element and a detector circuit, utilizing a
30 frequency offset of the interference.

17. A method for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the offset

correction includes a digital average value formation of the composite signal up to or starting from one of the starting point and the end point of the interference, and a subsequent subtraction of the calculated average values.

5 18. A method for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system as claimed in claim 15, wherein interference signal energy is sensed during the detection of the source of interference and is subsequently subtracted from composite signal energy starting from the starting point or up to the end point of the interference.

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 19. A method for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system as claimed in claim 18, wherein the subtraction is carried out as a computational subtraction after digitization of the signal energy values.

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 20. A method for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system as claimed in claim 18, wherein the subtraction is carried out via an operational amplifier arrangement.

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 21. An apparatus for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system, which operates according to one of a TDD method and a TDMA method, as a result of adjacent channel interference which generates a square wave interference pulse in a useful channel, a composite signal thus formed of the useful signal and the interference pulse, the apparatus comprising:

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sensing parts for determining one of a starting point and an end point of the adjacent channel interference; and

correction parts connected at an input end to the sensing parts to carry out an offset correction using information relating to, respectively, one of the starting point and the end point.

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 22. An apparatus for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the

sensing parts include a differentiator stage and a threshold value discriminator connected downstream of the differentiator stage.

23. An apparatus for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver
5 part of a telecommunication transmission system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the sensing parts include an RF detector diode, and at least one of a correction shaper stage and a pulse shaper stage connected downstream of the RF detector diode.

24. An apparatus for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver
10 part of a telecommunication transmission system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the correction parts include an A/D converter, a reference value memory and a digital subtraction stage.

25. An apparatus for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver
15 part of a telecommunication transmission system as claimed in claim 24, wherein an average value forming stage is connected upstream of the reference value memory and the digital subtraction stage.

26. An apparatus for correcting a useful signal falsification in a receiver
20 part of a telecommunication transmission system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the correction parts include an operational amplifier arrangement.

REMARKS

The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical errors in the specification, which includes the Abstract, in order to conform the specification to the requirements of United States Patent Practice. No new matter is added thereby. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the present amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made".

In addition, the present amendment cancels original claims 1-13 in favor of new claims 14-26. Claims 14-26 have been presented solely because the revisions by red-lining and underlining which would have been necessary in claims 1-16 in order to present those claims in accordance with preferred United States Patent Practice would have been too extensive, and thus would have been too burdensome. The present amendment is intended for clarification purposes only and not for substantial reasons related to patentability pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Indeed, the cancellation of claims 1-13 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-16.

Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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In The Specification:

The Specification of the present application, including the Abstract, has been amended as follows:

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SPECIFICATION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

METHOD AND ~~DEVICE~~ APPARATUS FOR CORRECTING

A USEFUL SIGNAL FALSIFICATION

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention relates to a method for correcting a useful signal falsification in the receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system which operates, in particular, according to the TDD or TDMA method, ~~as claimed in the preamble of claim 1,~~ and to a device for carrying out this method.

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In mobile radio systems, multiple access methods or multiplex methods are absolutely necessary owing to the limited resources of the frequency spectrum in order to make possible subscriber numbers of orders of magnitude ranging from millions to hundreds of millions. The method of access of a plurality number of subscribers must be organized and the receiver parts must be embodied in such a way that an unacceptable interference of the transmission of information does not occur.

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The frequency, time-division and code multiplex methods are known as basic multiple access methods, and all three methods are used in practice in mobile telephone networks. Specifically, time-division multiplex methods, which are implemented in practice as TDD (Time Division Duplex) or TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access) have become very widespread in digital mobile telephone networks,

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in which they are often combined with frequency-division multiplex methods (FDMA = Frequency Division Multiple Access) in such a way that a plurality number of carrier frequencies are provided. Thus, according to the GSM standard, carrier frequencies with 200 kHz spacing with respect to one another ~~in each case~~ are provided and a subdivision into eight time slots on each carrier frequency is

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predefined.

Time-division multiplex techniques are also being increasingly used for cordless telephones, a combination of FDMA and TDMA also being provided here. In

the European DECT standard for cordless telephones, up to ten frequency channels are used, which are each divided into twelve time slots for the uplink and downlink.

5 The receivers in TDD or TDMA systems can be built according to the direct conversion principle. In such receivers, adjacent channel sources of interference result in square wave interference owing to quadratic elements which are produced in the analog part of the receiver, in particular in the reception mixer, ~~said the~~ square wave interference bringing about an increase in the bit error rate during the customary digital modulation. In order to fulfill the stringent requirements in terms of the bit error rate which are made of system protocols, in particular of the GSM system, very
10 high demands are made of the transmission qualities of the mixer, which demands cannot currently be fulfilled with established circuit technologies.

For this reason, it has been proposed to correct the aforesaid interference subsequently ~~by means of~~ via iterative, computational determination of the change in the signal amplitude (offset) associated with ~~said the~~ interference, ~~by means of~~ via a
15 correction device which is connected downstream of the mixer. However, this entails a high degree of computational complexity and a correspondingly increased level of current consumption, and, therefore, reduces the possible maximum call duration which constitutes an essential performance parameter of any mobile telephone.

The present invention is, therefore ~~based on the object of disclosing~~ directed
20 toward an improved method of the genus-forming type, which avoids computational complexity and saves current, as well as ~~a device~~ an apparatus for carrying out this method.

~~This object is achieved in terms of its method aspect by a method having the features of claim 1, and in terms of its device aspect by means of a device having the~~
25 ~~features of claim 8.~~

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention includes the essential idea of firstly determining the time when interference starts and subsequently, ~~by means of~~ via this knowledge, carrying out a correction process in a way that is less complex, and, thus, saves current with
30 regard to the calculation processes. By applying an analog correction method, there is virtually no added computational complexity (in the narrowest sense) here.

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In one preferred embodiment, ~~firstly~~ differentiation of the composite signal and ~~subsequently~~ then threshold value discrimination of the first deviation is carried out with a predetermined threshold value in order to determine the time when the interference starts. This threshold value corresponds to the maximum possible steepness of the useful signal, multiplied by a suitably selected safety factor in order to avoid incorrect detection. Both the formation of the first deviation of the composite signal and its comparison with the aforesaid threshold value constitute routine operations which can be implemented readily, and with relatively low power consumption, using integrated circuit technology and/or ~~by means of~~ via suitable software – within the framework of complex digital signal processing (DSP) which is implemented in any case.

However, as an alternative, it is also possible to provide, for the determination of the point in time when interference starts, a specific detector element (for example, a detector diode) or a circuit with a corresponding function (for example, what is referred to as an RSSI circuit) which utilizes, in particular, the frequency offset of the source of interference with respect to the carrier signal.

The actual correction process which is carried out using the information relating to the time when the interference starts can be configured as a calculation process on the basis of digitized values of the signal amplitude, or, alternatively ~~also~~, as an analog “subtraction.”

In the former case, in particular a (digital) average value formation of the composite signal is carried out in the period between the rising edge of the useful signal up to the starting time of the interference on the one hand, and in the period from the starting time of the interference up to the trailing edge of the useful signal on the other hand, and the two calculated average values are subsequently subtracted. It is also possible to determine the interference signal energy during the detection of the source of interference and to subtract it from the composite signal energy starting from the time when the interference starts. In this later case, subtraction is also possible in the sense of a genuine calculation after the corresponding energy values have been digitized.

In ~~a device~~ an apparatus for carrying out the method according to the present invention, - corresponding to the above-mentioned characterization of the method

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according to the present invention, - sensing parts for determining the time when the interference starts and correction means parts which are connected at the input end to these sensing means parts in order to carry out the offset correction are provided. Reference has already been made above to embodiment possibilities for the sensing

5 means parts. If a detector element or a detector circuit is used, in particular a correction stage for taking into account the detector characteristic curve for the output signal shape and/or a pulse shaper stage is connected downstream of it. In an analog embodiment, the actual correction means parts can have an analog subtraction device; in the case of a digital calculation of the absolute offset value or correction value, a

10 reference value memory and a digital subtraction stage, and in particular an average value calculation stage connected upstream of these units, are provided.

~~Advantages and expedient features of the invention emerge, for the rest, from the subclaims and/or the following description of preferred exemplary embodiments with reference to the figures.~~

15 Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described in, and will be apparent from, the following Detailed Description of the Invention and the Figures.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

20 figs 1a and 1b are exemplary views of the time-dependence of the useful signal and interference signal and/or of a composite signal of a real mixer in a direct conversion receiver.

fig. 2 is a schematic view of a first embodiment in the form of a block diagram.

25 fig. 3 is a schematic view of a second embodiment in the form of a block diagram.

fig. 4 is a schematic view of a third embodiment in the form of a block diagram.

fig. 5 is a schematic view of a fourth embodiment in the form of a block diagram.

30 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Fig. 1a shows the time profile of a useful signal with a carrier frequency f_1 and a level P_1 , and in a separate illustration the time profile of an interference signal with a

carrier frequency f_2 and a level P_2 , such as would occur in an ideal reception mixer. The starting time (the rising edge) of a useful signal pulse is designated by t_A , and its end time (trailing edge) is designated by t_E , while the end time of the interference pulses, - which in this example start before the rising edge of the useful signal pulse, - is designated by t_0 .

A corresponding output signal of a real reception mixer is illustrated as function of time in Fig. 1b, the same time axis being used as the basis as in Fig. 1a.

Fig. 2 shows, in order to illustrate a first embodiment of the present invention, an arrangement 100 composed of a mixer 101, an amplifier stage 102 connected downstream of the latter, a low-pass filter 103 connected downstream of said the amplifier stage 102, a differentiator stage 104 connected downstream of said the low-pass filter 103, a threshold value discriminator 105 connected downstream of said the differentiator stage 104, and an offset compensation stage 106 which is arranged in parallel with the differentiator stage 104, downstream of the low-pass filter 103, and is controlled by an output signal of the threshold value discriminator 105. The offset compensation stage 106 ~~comprises~~ includes (not illustrated individually in ~~the figure~~ Fig. 2) an average value forming stage for the digital formation of average values and a subtraction stage for the subtraction of the averaged level values which are sensed before and after the end time t_0 (Fig. 1a) of the adjacent channel interference. The differentiator stage can be embodied in a manner known per se as an analog differentiator or as a digital differentiator stage implemented ~~by means of~~ via either hardware, or ~~by means of~~ programmable signal processing within the scope of the DSP of a mobile telephone terminal.

In the event of a plurality number of instances of interference being expected, a plurality number of devices for storing the sensed times of the instances of interference and the corresponding level values are to be provided.

The arrangement shown is specifically advantageous in the case of long useful signal bursts which are superimposed by more than one short interference pulse, and are therefore relevant for the multislot operation according to the GSM standard.

Fig. 3 shows an arrangement 200 which is modified with respect to ~~the~~ Fig. 2 and in which a mixer 201, an amplifier stage 202 which is connected downstream of the latter and an offset compensation stage 207 are also provided. A low-pass filter

203 is arranged here in a parallel processing branch, and a detector diode 204 for sensing the interference signal is connected downstream of ~~said the~~ low-pass filter 203. A pulse shaper circuit 205 is connected downstream of the detector diode, and a time sensing stage 206, for sensing the time t_0 (Fig. 1a) is connected downstream of ~~said the~~ pulse shaper circuit 205.

In this modification, the computational complexity, and thus the power consumption, can be reduced further in comparison with the embodiment shown in Fig. 2 and/or the accuracy of the determination of the end point or starting point of the interference signal can be increased as the result of the band limitation of the signal which is not a problem here.

In Fig. 4, an arrangement 300 - (again in the form of a functional block circuit diagram) - is outlined as a further embodiment; in which, firstly, in a way similar to Fig. 3, the output of a mixer 301 is connected on the one hand to an amplifier stage 302 (not embodied in a controllable form here) and to a low-pass filter 303 on the other, as well as to a detector diode 304 which is connected downstream of the latter. In each case an A/D converter 305a, 305b is connected downstream both of the controllable amplifier 302 and of the detector diode 304. The output of the first A/D converter 305a is connected to a first input of an addition stage 306, and the output of the second A/D converter 305b is connected to a correction circuit 307 for correcting the detector characteristic line and the amplification with the gain factor A_1 set at the amplifier 302. The output of the correction stage 307 is connected via an inverter 308 to a second input of the addition stage 306. Overall, this arrangement of the aforesaid components 306 to 308 functionally implements subtraction, from the composite signal level, of the interference signal level which is corrected with respect to the detector characteristic curves of the detector diode 304, on the one hand, and with respect to the amplification of the ~~[lacuna]~~ in the amplifier stage 302, on the other.

Fig. 5 shows as a block circuit diagram a further arrangement 400 composed of a reception mixer 401, a low-pass filter 402, a detector circuit 403 connected downstream of the latter and an analog correction circuit 404 for correcting the detector characteristic curve, in which the outputs of the reception mixer 401 and of the correction circuit 404 are each connected to the non-inverting input of two operational amplifiers 405a, 405b, whose outputs ultimately lead into an amplifier

stage 406. ~~By means of~~ Via the operational amplifiers 405a, 405b, an analog subtraction of the interference signal (again corrected with respect to the detector characteristic curve) from the composite signal is implemented, and the difference signal is finally amplified.

5 The arrangement shown last has, in particular, the advantage of increasing the dynamics because the interference signal has already been eliminated from the baseband by correction.

~~The execution of the invention is not restricted to the examples described here but is also possible in a multiplicity of modifications which a person skilled in the art~~
10 ~~can readily deduce from the above explanations.~~

Although the present invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments, those of skill in the art will recognize that changes may be made thereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the hereafter appended claims.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method and apparatus for correcting a useful signal falsification in the receiver part (100; 200; 300; 400) of a telecommunication transmission system as a result of adjacent channel interference which generates ~~an~~, in particular, a square wave interference pulse in the useful channel, the starting point or end point of the adjacent channel interference being determined in a first step and an offset correction being carried out in a second step using the information relating to the starting point or end point.

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Description

Method and device for correcting a useful signal falsification

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The invention relates to a method for correcting a useful signal falsification in the receiver part of a telecommunication transmission system which operates in particular according to the TDD or TDMA method, as
10 claimed in the preamble of claim 1, and a device for carrying out this method.

In mobile radio systems, multiple access methods or multiplex methods are absolutely necessary owing to the
15 limited resources of the frequency spectrum in order to make possible subscriber numbers of orders of magnitude ranging from millions to hundreds of millions. The method of access of a plurality of subscribers must be organized and the receiver parts must be embodied in
20 such a way that an unacceptable interference of the transmission of information does not occur.

The frequency, time-division and code multiplex methods are known as basic multiple access methods, and all
25 three methods are used in practice in mobile telephone networks. Specifically, time-division multiplex methods, which are implemented in practice as TDD (Time Division Duplex) or TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access) have become very widespread in digital mobile
30 telephone networks, in which they are often combined with frequency-division multiplex methods (FDMA = Frequency Division Multiple Access) in such a way that a plurality of carrier frequencies are provided. Thus, according to the GSM standard carrier
35 frequencies with 200 kHz spacing with respect to one another in each case are provided and a subdivision into eight time slots on each carrier frequency is predefined.

Time-division multiplex techniques are also being increasingly used for cordless telephones, a combination of FDMA and TDMA also being provided here. In the European DECT standard

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for cordless telephones, up to ten frequency channels are used, which are each divided into twelve time slots for the uplink and downlink.

- 5 The receivers in TDD or TDMA systems can be built according to the direct conversion principle. In such receivers, adjacent channel sources of interference result in square wave interference owing to quadratic elements which are produced in the analog part of the receiver, in particular in the reception mixer, said square wave interference bringing about an increase in the bit error rate during the customary digital modulation. In order to fulfill the stringent requirements in terms of the bit error rate which are made of system protocols, in particular of the GSM system, very high demands are made of the transmission qualities of the mixer, which demands cannot currently be fulfilled with established circuit technologies.
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- 20 For this reason, it has been proposed to correct the aforesaid interference subsequently by means of iterative, computational determination of the change in the signal amplitude (offset) associated with said interference, by means of a correction device which is connected downstream of the mixer. However, this entails a high degree of computational complexity and a correspondingly increased level of current consumption, and therefore reduces the possible maximum call duration which constitutes an essential performance parameter of any mobile telephone.
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The invention is therefore based on the object of disclosing an improved method of the genus-forming type, which avoids computational complexity and saves current, as well as a device for carrying out this method.

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This object is achieved in terms of its method aspect
by a method having the features of claim 1, and in
terms of its device aspect by means of a device having
5 the features of claim 8.

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The invention includes the essential idea of firstly determining the time when interference starts and subsequently, by means of this knowledge, carrying out a correction process in a way that is less complex, and thus saves current with regard to the calculation processes. By applying an analog correction method, there is virtually no added computational complexity (in the narrowest sense) here.

10 In one preferred embodiment, firstly differentiation of the composite signal and subsequently threshold value discrimination of the first deviation is carried out with a predetermined threshold value in order to determine the time when the interference starts. This threshold value corresponds to the maximum possible steepness of the useful signal, multiplied by a suitably selected safety factor in order to avoid incorrect detection. Both the formation of the first deviation of the composite signal and its comparison with the aforesaid threshold value constitute routine operations which can be implemented readily, and with relatively low power consumption, using integrated circuit technology and/or by means of suitable software - within the framework of complex digital signal processing (DSP) which is implemented in any case.

However, as an alternative, it is also possible to provide, for the determination of the point in time when interference starts, a specific detector element (for example a detector diode) or a circuit with a corresponding function (for example what is referred to as an RSSI circuit) which utilizes in particular the frequency offset of the source of interference with respect to the carrier signal.

The actual correction process which is carried out using the information relating to the time when the

interference starts can be configured as a calculation process on the basis of digitized values of the signal amplitude, or alternatively also as an analog "subtraction".

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In the former case, in particular a (digital) average value formation of the composite signal is carried out in the period between the rising edge of the useful signal up to the starting time of the interference on the one hand, and in the period from the starting time of the interference up to the trailing edge of the useful signal on the other hand, and the two calculated average values are subsequently subtracted. It is also possible to determine the interference signal energy during the detection of the source of interference and to subtract it from the composite signal energy starting from the time when the interference starts. In this later case, subtraction is also possible in the sense of a genuine calculation after the corresponding energy values have been digitized.

In a device for carrying out the method according to the invention - corresponding to the abovementioned characterization of the method according to the invention - sensing means for determining the time when the interference starts and correction means which are connected at the input end to these sensing means in order to carry out the offset correction are provided. Reference has already been made above to embodiment possibilities for the sensing means. If a detector element or a detector circuit is used, in particular a correction stage for taking into account the detector characteristic curve for the output signal shape and/or a pulse shaper stage is connected downstream of it. In an analog embodiment, the actual correction means can have an analog subtraction device; in the case of a digital calculation of the absolute offset value or correction value, a reference value memory and a digital subtraction stage, and in particular an average value calculation stage connected upstream of these units, are provided.

Advantages and expedient features of the invention emerge, for the rest, from the subclaims and/or the following description of preferred exemplary embodiments with reference to the figures. In the
5 drawing:

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5 figs 1a and 1b are exemplary views of the time-dependence of the useful signal and interference signal and/or of a composite signal of a real mixer in a direct conversion receiver,

 fig. 2 is a schematic view of a first embodiment in the form of a block diagram,

10 fig. 3 is a schematic view of a second embodiment in the form of a block diagram,

 fig. 4 is a schematic view of a third embodiment in the form of a block diagram, and

15 fig. 5 is a schematic view of a fourth embodiment in the form of a block diagram.

20 Fig. 1a shows the time profile of a useful signal with a carrier frequency f_1 and a level P_1 , and in a separate illustration the time profile of an interference signal with a carrier frequency f_2 and a level P_2 , such as would occur in an ideal reception mixer. The starting time (the rising edge) of a useful
25 signal pulse is designated by t_A , and its end time (trailing edge) is designated by t_E , while the end time of the interference pulses - which in this example start before the rising edge of the useful signal pulse - is designated by t_0 .

30 A corresponding output signal of a real reception mixer is illustrated as function of time in fig. 1b, the same time axis being used as the basis as in fig. 1a.

35 Fig. 2 shows, in order to illustrate a first embodiment of the invention, an arrangement 100 composed of a mixer 101, an amplifier stage 102

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differentiator stage 104 connected downstream of said low-pass filter 103, a threshold value discriminator 105 connected downstream of said differentiator stage 104, and an offset compensation stage 106 which is
5 arranged in parallel with the differentiator stage 104, downstream of the low-pass filter 103, and is controlled by an output signal of the threshold value discriminator 105. The offset compensation stage 106 comprises (not illustrated individually in the figure)
10 an average value forming stage for the digital formation of average values and a subtraction stage for the subtraction of the averaged level values which are sensed before and after the end time t_0 (fig. 1a) of the adjacent channel interference. The differentiator
15 stage can be embodied in a manner known per se as an analog differentiator or as a digital differentiator stage implemented by means of hardware, or by means of programmable signal processing within the scope of the DSP of a mobile telephone terminal.

20 In the event of a plurality of instances of interference being expected, a plurality of devices for storing the sensed times of the instances of interference and the corresponding level values are to
25 be provided.

The arrangement shown is specifically advantageous in the case of long useful signal bursts which are superimposed by more than one short interference pulse,
30 and are therefore relevant for the multislot operation according to the GSM standard.

Fig. 3 shows an arrangement 200 which is modified with respect to the fig. 2 and in which a mixer 201, an
35 amplifier stage 202 which is connected downstream of the latter and an offset compensation stage 207 are also provided. A low-pass filter 203 is arranged here in a parallel processing branch, and a detector diode

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204 for sensing the interference signal is connected downstream of said low-pass filter 203. A pulse shaper circuit 205 is connected downstream of the detector diode, and a time sensing stage 206, for sensing the
5 time t_0 (fig. 1a) is connected downstream of said pulse shaper circuit 205.

In this modification, the computational complexity, and thus the power consumption, can be reduced further in
10 comparison with the embodiment shown in fig. 2

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and/or the accuracy of the determination of the end point or starting point of the interference signal can be increased as the result of the band limitation of the signal which is not a problem here.

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In fig. 4, an arrangement 300 - again in the form of a functional block circuit diagram - is outlined as a further embodiment, in which firstly, in a way similar to fig. 3, the output of a mixer 301 is connected on the one hand to an amplifier stage 302 (not embodied in a controllable form here) and to a low-pass filter 303 on the other, as well as to a detector diode 304 which is connected downstream of the latter. In each case an A/D converter 305a, 305b is connected downstream both of the controllable amplifier 302 and of the detector diode 304. The output of the first A/D converter 305a is connected to a first input of an addition stage 306, and the output of the second A/D converter 305b is connected to a correction circuit 307 for correcting the detector characteristic line and the amplification with the gain factor A1 set at the amplifier 302. The output of the correction stage 307 is connected via an inverter 308 to a second input of the addition stage 306. Overall, this arrangement of the aforesaid components 306 to 308 functionally implements subtraction, from the composite signal level, of the interference signal level which is corrected with respect to the detector characteristic curves of the detector diode 304, on the one hand, and with respect to the amplification of the [lacuna] in the amplifier stage 302, on the other.

Fig. 5 shows as a block circuit diagram a further arrangement 400 composed of a reception mixer 401, a low-pass filter 402, a detector circuit 403 connected downstream of the latter and an analog correction circuit 404 for correcting the detector characteristic curve, in which the outputs of the reception mixer 401

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and of the correction circuit 404 are each connected to the non-inverting input of two operational amplifiers 405a, 405b, whose outputs ultimately lead into an amplifier stage 406. By means of the operational
5 amplifiers 405a, 405b, an analog subtraction of the interference signal (again corrected with respect to the

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detector characteristic curve) from the composite signal is implemented, and the difference signal is finally amplified.

- 5 The arrangement shown last has, in particular, the advantage of increasing the dynamics because the interference signal has already been eliminated from the baseband by correction.
- 10 The execution of the invention is not restricted to the examples described here but is also possible in a multiplicity of modifications which a person skilled in the art can readily deduce from the above explanations.

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Patent claims

1. A method for correcting a useful signal falsification in the receiver part (100; 200; 300; 400) of a telecommunication transmission system which operates in particular according to the TDD or TDMA method as a result of adjacent channel interference which generates an, in particular, square wave interference pulse in the useful channel, characterized in that the starting point or end point of the adjacent channel interference is determined in a first step and an offset correction is carried out in a second step using the information relating to the starting point or end point.
2. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that, in order to determine the starting point or end point of the adjacent channel interference, differentiation (104) of the composite signal is performed in a first substep, and threshold value discrimination (105) of the first deviation with a predetermined threshold value is carried out in a second substep.
3. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the starting point or end point of the adjacent channel interference is determined by means of a detector element or a detector circuit (204; 304; 403), in particular utilizing the frequency offset of the interference.
4. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the offset correction comprises a digital average value formation of the composite signal up to or starting from the starting point or end point of the interference, and a subsequent subtraction

(306) of the calculated average values.

5. The method as claimed in claim 2 or 3, characterized in that

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- the interference signal energy is sensed during the detection of the source of interference and subsequently subtracted from the composite signal energy starting from the starting point or up to the end point of the interference.
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6. The method as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the subtraction is carried out as a computational subtraction (306) after digitization of the signal energy values.
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7. The method as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the subtraction is carried out in an analogous fashion, in particular by means of an operational amplifier arrangement (405a, 405b).
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8. A device (100; 200; 300; 400) for carrying out the method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized by sensing means for determining the starting point or end point of the adjacent channel interference, and correction means (106; 207; 306; 405a, 405b) which are connected at the input end to the sensing means in order to carry out the offset correction.
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9. The device as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the sensing means have a differentiator stage (104) and a threshold value discriminator (105) connected downstream of said differentiator stage 104.
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10. The method as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the sensing means have a detector element (204; 304; 403), in particular a RF detector diode, and a correction shaper stage and/or pulse shaper stage (205; 307; 404) which is connected downstream of the latter.
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11. The device as claimed in one of claims 8 to 10, characterized in that the correction means have an A/D converter (305a; 305b), a reference value memory and a digital subtraction stage (306, 308).
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12. The device as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that an average value forming stage is connected upstream of the reference value memory and the digital subtraction stage.
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13. The device as claimed in one of claims 8 to 10, characterized in that the correction means have an analog subtraction device, in particular an operational amplifier arrangement (405a, 405b).

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Abstract

Method and device for correcting a useful signal falsification

Method for correcting a useful signal falsification in the receiver part (100; 200; 300; 400) of a telecommunication transmission system as a result of adjacent channel interference which generates an, in particular, square wave interference pulse in the useful channel, the starting point or end point of the adjacent channel interference being determined in a first step and an offset correction being carried out in a second step using the information relating to the starting point or end point.

(Fig. 2)

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FIG 1A

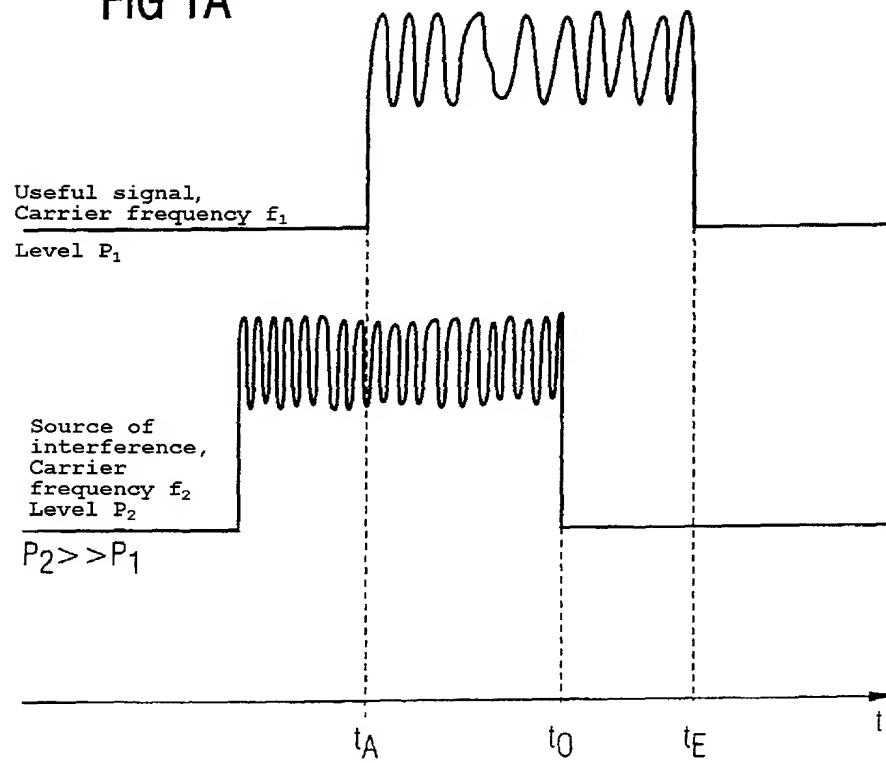
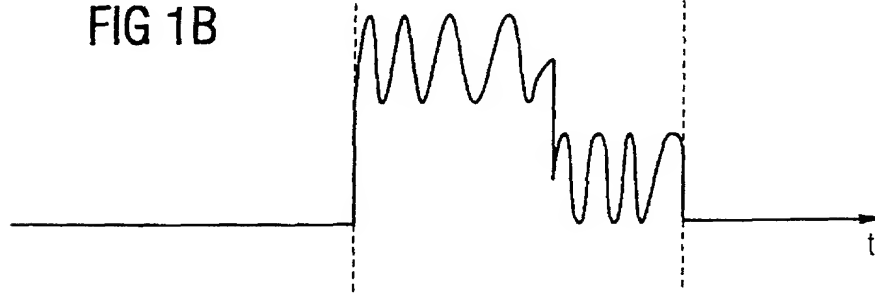
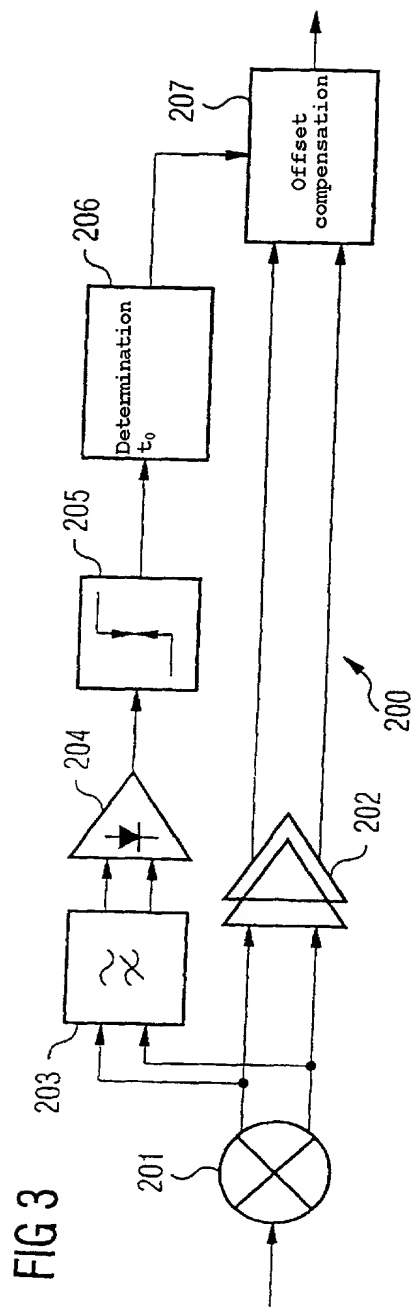
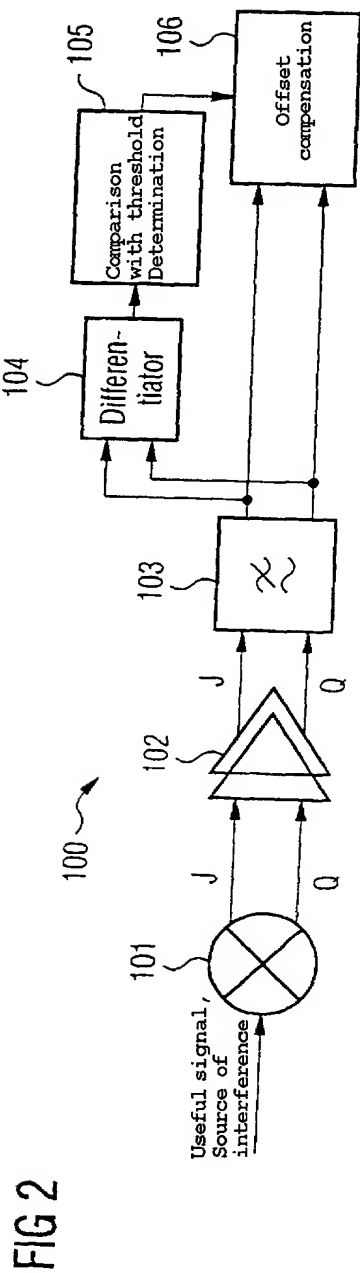
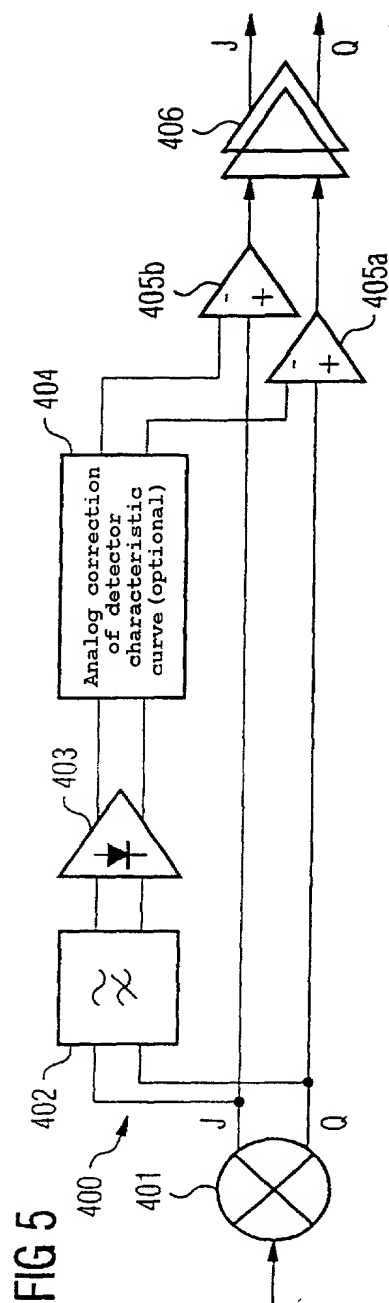
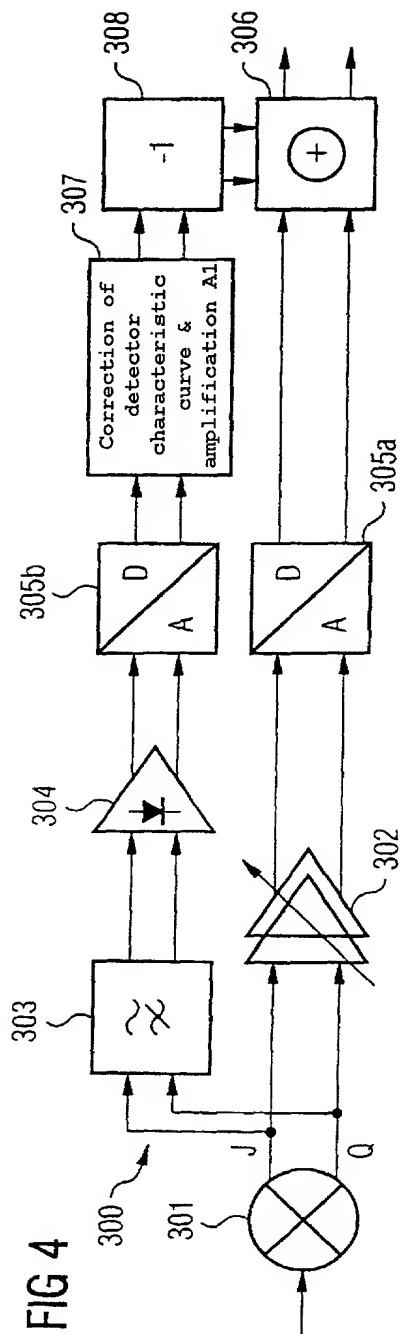


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Ulrich Gretzer	03.12.01		
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Staatsangehörigkeit DE		Citizenship DE	
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Unterschrift des Erfinders	Datum	Inventor's signature	Date
Wohnsitz		Residence	
Staatsangehörigkeit		Citizenship	
Postanschrift		Post Office Address	
Voller Name des fünften Miterfinders:		Full name of fifth joint inventor:	
Unterschrift des Erfinders	Datum	Inventor's signature	Date
Wohnsitz		Residence	
Staatsangehörigkeit		Citizenship	
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Unterschrift des Erfinders	Datum	Inventor's signature	Date
Wohnsitz		Residence	
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